

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-20. Claims 4 and 12 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 1-20 are hereby cancelled, mooted all rejections with respect to those claims. New claims 21-33 are hereby submitted. No new matter has been added.

New claim 21 corresponds to original claim 4, rewritten as in independent form and including all the limitations of claims 1-3. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 and claim 23, which depend from claim 21, are in condition for allowance.

New claim 22 corresponds to original claim 12, rewritten in independent form and including all the limitations of claims 7-11. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 22 and 24, which depend from claim 22, are in condition for allowance.

New claim 25 corresponds to original claim 5, amended to include the allowable features. Claim 26 depends from claim 25.

New claim 27 corresponds to original claim 6, amended to include the allowable features. Claim 28 depends from claim 27.

New claim 29 corresponds to original claim 15, amended to include the allowable features. Claim 30 depends from claim 29.

New claim 31 corresponds to original claim 17, amended to include the allowable features. Claims 32-33 depend from claim 31.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application, is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will speed issuance of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned at the contact particulars listed below.

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